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SUBJ: HUSAIN ARRIVES IN ASWAN; ABU IYAD IN CAIRO

1. KING HUSAIN'S ARRIVAL ASWAN IS SUBJECT FEATURE PHOTOS
ALL PAPERS 14 JAN, BUT BANNER HEADLINES CAREFULLY NON-
COMMITAL. "SADAT/HUSAIN TALKS BEGIN TODAY." REPORTING IS IN
SIMILARLY CAUTIOUS VEIN, NOTING TALKS WILL CENTER ON PROMOTION
ARAB SOLIDARITY AND UNIFIED STRATEGY. AGENDA REPORTEDLY
INCLUDES (A) GOE/HKJ COORDINATION IN PREPARATION FOR GENEVA,
AND (B) "BRINGING ABOUT A JORDAN/PLO RELATIONSHIP SUITABLE
FOR SUPPORT OF ARAB ACTION IN COMING STAGE AND TO STRENGTHEN
ARAB FRONT IN GENEVA." EDITORIALY, AHRAM EXPLAINS WRLY
THAT TALKS DESIGNED PROMOTE ARAB UNITY AND CONSEQUENTLY
WILL GIVE BOOST TO PALESTINIAN CAUSE. GUMHURIYYA OBSERVES
PLO/HKJ RELATIONS MUST BE NORMALIZED SINCE JORDAN CAN PLAY
ROLE IN UPCOMING CRUCIAL ROUNDS IN ME.

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2. MEANWHILE, 1000 KM DOWN RIVER IN CAIRO, FATAH'S ABU IYAD
WAS ADDRESSING PALESTINIAN RALLY. REPORTEDLY HE THANKED
EGYPT AND SYRIA FOR SUPPORT AND REJECTED NOTION PLO WILL
GIVE UP WEAPONS IN LEBANON. "WE MIGHT CONSIDER TRANSFERRING
SOME ARTILLERY TO THE SOUTH" (AHRAM). PLO WILL, HOWEVER,
ENERGETICALLY PARTICIPATE IN "MARCH TOWARD PEACE IN LEBANON."

ABU IYAD IS NOT REPORTED TO HAVE TOUCHED ON JORDANIAN CONNECTION.

3. COMMENT: SADAT'S RECENT PUBLIC COMMENTS ON UTILITY DEVISING FORMULA FOR "FEDERATION" BETWEEN HKJ AND AN ESTABLISHED PALESTINIAN STATE HAVE OBVIOUSLY SET STAGE FOR POTENTIALLY CONSTRUCTIVE MEETING. EGYPT PERIODICAL OCTOBER MAGAZINE OF JAN 10, NOW ON SALE, RECALLS SADAT TOLD GAZAN DEL TTWO WEEKS AGO "FEDERATION" ADVISABLE. IT MUCH NOTED HERE THAT LIKELIHOOD OF A CORDIAN ATMOSPHERE AND FEELING OF OPENING NEW CHAPTER MUCH ENHANCED BY ABSENCE OF ZAYD RIFA'I, LOCAL SYMBOL OF PRO-SARG AND ANTI-GOE POLICY AND FAHMY'S BETE NOIRE (ZAYD CAN'T BEAR FAHMY EITHER, OF COURSE). AS OF JAN 13, FAHMY PLANNED STAY IN AWAN THROUGHOUT HUSAIN'S VISIT, BUT STILL POSSIBLE HE WILL RETURN TO CAIRO JAN 15 AFTER KING'S DEPARTURE FOR ARAB LEAGUE MEETING.

4. ABU IYAD'S PRESENCE IN EGYPT INTERESTING BUT WE HAVE HEARD NO SUGGESTION OF CONTACT WITH HUSAIN. ARAFAT IS REPORTED BY USUALLY UNRELIABLE AFTERNOON NEWSPAPER TO BE ARRIVING IMMINENTLY. ARAFAT'S WARNING TO KUWAIT PAPER THAT HE WILL "DISAPPEAR" IF PRESSURES ON HIM NOT CURTAILED (SEPTL) CREATING GREAT INTEREST LOCALLY.
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